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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1, amend claims 7-9 and add new claims 26-28 as follows.

Claim 7 (amended). [The colonocytes of claim 1] Immunocoprocytes isolated from fecal matter [expressing a chimeric immunoglobulin IgC].

Claim 8 (amended). The immunocoprocytes [colonocytes] of claim [1] 7 expressing [only] IgA and CFc.

Claim 9 (amended). The immunocoprocytes [colonocytes] of claim [1] 7 expressing [only] CFc.

Claim 26. The immunocoprocytes of claim 7 expressing a chimeric immunoglobulin IgC.